



Public Safety Interoperable Communications Office

ANNOUNCEMENT

AIRS - PLANNED OUTAGE

AIRS RADIO FREQUENCY DRIVE TEST – DEC 5-16, 2011

Background: The PSIC Office recently requested and was awarded technical assistance from the US Department of Homeland Security to conduct a Drive Test along nearly 4000 miles of Arizona highways to evaluate the RF Frequency Coverage for the AIRS System.

Planned Outage: This drive test will be conducted December 5th - 16th, 2011 during daytime hours to get a solid, baseline measure of AIRS coverage in each of the three bands (VHF, UHF and 800 MHz).

During the test, the AIRS system in the vicinity of the test vehicle will be unavailable due to repetitive test tones. Further, there may be bleed over into neighboring AIRS regions. The following table shows the planned route and the impacted counties. In the event of weather or technical delays, updates will be made to the drive plan and posted on the PSIC website at <http://www.azpsic.gov/library/airs/>. The PSIC Office will also post a progress report to the website on Friday Dec 9th.

The Drive Team is on schedule and will end up in Sedona tonight, Dec 9th. They have decided to run the second half of the test from Sunday-Thursday rather than Monday-Friday. The updated schedule is highlighted in RED below.

Day	Date	Start	Finish	Counties impacted...	
				Morning	Afternoon
Test	2-Dec	Yuma	Yuma	Yuma (1100-1300 hrs)	
1	5-Dec	Yuma	Kingman	Yuma, La Paz	Mohave
2	6-Dec	Kingman	Flagstaff	Mohave	Coconino
3	7-Dec	Flagstaff	Page	Coconino	Coconino, Navajo
4	8-Dec	Page	Winslow	Coconino, Navajo	Navajo, Apache
5	9-Dec	Winslow	Sedona	Navajo, Apache	Coconino, Yavapai
6	11-Dec	Sedona	Pinetop	Coconino, Yavapai	Navajo, Gila, Apache
7	12-Dec	Pinetop	Safford	Navajo, Gila, Apache	Graham, Greenlee
8	13-Dec	Safford	Sierra Vista	Graham, Greenlee	Cochise, Santa Cruz
9	14-Dec	Sierra Vista	Chandler	Cochise, Santa Cruz	Pima, Pinal
10	15-Dec	Chandler	Yuma	Pima, Pinal	Maricopa, Yuma

Emergency Notification Procedures: If an emergency situation arises which requires the use of AIRS during the test period, please contact DPS at 602-223-2245.

Questions: Please direct any questions to Michael Britt at mbritt@azpsic.gov or 602-300-2633.

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